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ANNEX "E"WESTERN EUROPE***ARMY Declass/Release
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1. There is no Soviet or Satellite representation in Portugal, Spain, or Trieste. In Belgium there is a Polish Military Attaché; however, no change in his attitude was observed during routine Attaché luncheons, the Grand Duchess' birthday reception in Luxembourg, or a series of guided visits to Belgian military schools during the period January-July 1952. An invitation annually tendered to the U.S. Army Attaché by the Polish Military Attaché is always refused.

2. France

There was only one event of a social nature known to the U.S. Army Attaché during the period January through July 1952 at which Soviet and Satellite representatives were present in unusually large numbers - a dinner-dance of the Club of Military Attachés held in Paris in June. At this social event practically all the U.S.S.R. Attachés and Assistant Attachés were present. Three of their wives also attended, none of whom spoke English or, apparently, French. This attendance was commented upon by French and other Western representatives at the dinner as being very unusual.

3. Germany

a. There is apparently no change from the usual Soviet attitude of aloofness in dealing with medium-rank American officers and officials in Germany. If anything, relations have been less friendly in recent months, probably caused by the "Hate America" campaign.

b. Official entertainment is generally stiff and formal, which is partially caused by lack of ease on the part of the Soviets and the language barrier. There is no accepting or extending of invitations to non-official functions.

c. The U. S. Military Liaison Mission in the Soviet Zone of Germany reports that the trend of increasing severity toward the British has lessened; however, that Soviet relations with the British are more severe than they were in January 1952. Attention is invited to British Commander-in-Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces of Occupation, Berlin, B.A.O.R. report dated 3 September 1952, which bears G-2, D/A Top Secret Control Number TSC-3091, a copy of which is being furnished to the CIA on a loan basis. Information contained in this British report indicates that the Soviets are continuing to promote a more amicable relationship with British officials.

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4. Italy

a. Soviet and Satellite representatives in Italy make absolutely no effort to meet, cultivate or entertain personnel assigned to the Office of the Army Attaché, Italy.

b. The Soviet Military Attaché and other Soviet and Satellite military representatives have in the past occasionally accepted invitations to various social functions offered by the military representatives of pro-Western governments, e.g., Turkey and Israel. However, within the past year the attendance of Soviet and Satellite military representatives to such functions has steadily diminished and at the present time they are rarely, if ever, seen. It appears that this situation has not developed by these representatives declining invitations, but by invitations not being extended to them by pro-Western Embassies and Legations located in Rome. Soviet and Satellite military representatives continue to accept, with a show of eagerness, any invitations extended to them by Italian military officials. It appears that they are pleased to attend any function, particularly if it appears there will be an opportunity to appear before the Italian public.

c. At the departure of the British Military Attaché from Italy during August 1952, he requested by letter an appointment with the Soviet Military Attaché for the purpose of paying his respects before his departure. The Soviet Military Attaché did not bother to answer the letter. In the case of departing U.S. Military Attachés, appointments have been successfully made by telephone. These departure and arrival calls are made on the Soviet Military Attaché solely because he is the Dean of Attachés in Rome.

d. The Air and Army Attaché of Israel, stationed in Paris, told the Army Attaché, France, that he was pleasantly surprised while in Rome in June 1952 to have all the U.S.S.R. Service Attachés and Assistants attend a reception given by him. He was told by resident attachés that this was very unusual inasmuch as only one Russian ordinarily attended receptions given by members of the foreign colony. At this reception the Russians mingled freely with other guests and engaged in innocuous conversation.

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